

a) preparing a detergent formulation comprising a slurry, said slurry comprising amphoteric, nonionic or anionic surfactants, and a builder, wherein said slurry has a viscosity in a range that permits coating a substrate;

b) applying, in a single step process, said detergent formulation to a needlepunched, nonwoven substrate comprising fibers having a melting point of approximately 300°F or greater; and

c) drying said detergent formulation and substrate until it forms said laundry detergent article that is dry to the touch and which does not substantially transfer detergent to other surfaces or to the skin when handled.

Please add the following new claim:

-- 54. The process of claim 26, wherein each of said components in the detergent formulation has a particle size ranging from about 1 to about 100 microns. --

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 26-54 are pending in this application. Claim 26 has been amended and claim 54 has been added, to define an embodiment of the claimed invention. Support for the amendment and new claim 54, can be found in the original claims and generally throughout the specification. See, e.g., page 9, lines 14-20 (teaching the particle size limitations of claim 54) and page 24, lines 12-18 of the present specification (teaching